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Fur animals require natural habitats in which to live. As the country develops, more and more of these habitats are being destroyed. In many sections, however, much land still remains that is capable of producing large crops of fur, if the animals are given sufficient protection to assure maintenance of an adequate breeding stock.

The wars in Europe and Asia have greatly affected the American fur import and export business. With the shipping of furs practically, if not entirely, stopped, importations are bound to be curtailed for a long time. If the coming year should show a shortage of furs from foreign countries, the American market will be more and more dependent upon local production. Many persons formerly engaged in trapping in foreign countries had to abandon the pursuit when called into military service. If the demand for furs in the United States continues, then, unless protective measures prevent, a larger number of fur animals will be trapped to meet that demand. In view of the already precarious condition of many fur species trapping must be limited and shorter seasons promulgated to maintain the supply. The conservation of fur animals, therefore, should be given as much consideration as that of any other natural resource.

The people of this country are entitled to know how much of their natural wealth in the form of fur is harvested each year. The administration of fish and game may rest with either the State or the Federal governments, but fur animals are generally recognized as the property of the individual States. The maintenance of the fur supply, therefore, must be brought about by the enactment and enforcement of State laws.

One of the most important features of present-day legislation on fur animals is that requiring trappers to make annual reports on the number of each species taken. The trapping license, aside from its revenue-producing possibilities, affords the best means for the registration of trappers. Its renewal from year to year should be conditioned, therefore, upon the filing of satisfactory returns on the catch of the previous season. The data to be obtained from such reports would provide the material for a factual survey of the annual take and of its relation to the breeding supply or, as it may be considered, the capital stock. It is on these surveys that protective measures should be based.

The information regarding the numbers and the origin of various animals trapped annually in the United States is meager. Lack of authentic data in this conservation field prevents any intelligent estimate of the annual take of furs. Moreover, no estimate can be made of the number of domestic furs marketed annually.

For several years the Section of Fur Resources has been assembling data on the annual production of furs in the United States from figures or estimates of the annual catch received from the various State game commissions and from other sources. This cooperation has been much appreciated and since the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries are now merged into one Service, it is vitally necessary to continue and expand this cooperative effort in the interests of conserving fur, fish, and game. Not all States require trappers to make annual reports on furs taken, but from those that do some definite information has been obtained. Not until every State inaugurates some system requiring such reports, and strictly carries it into effect, will it be possible to estimate either the total annual catch or the aggregate value of this national resource.

REPORTS BY STATES

The tabulations here given for individual States are not to be considered as full reports on all the fur animals taken within their borders. When no later data were available, the figures for some States are the same as those given in last year's "Survey of the Annual Fur Catch of the United States" Leaflet BS-140). Though many States require trappers to furnish annual reports, there are few instances where a very high return is obtained. In various cases, two or more species are grouped, as red and gray foxes listed as foxes, or coyotes and wolves listed as coyotes. Some States require reports on only one or two species, and in many cases persons trapping on their own lands, and boys under a certain age, are not required to obtain licenses and therefore do not make reports. In some States that require reports from trappers the regulations are not everywhere strictly enforced. Because of these conditions, the information on the number of fur animals taken in the various States is scanty and in some cases not fully dependable. Unless otherwise stated, trappers are required by law to report their annual catch, and the figures given are for fiscal years.

ALABAMA

Alabama does not require trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take or handling of furs and, therefore, has not been able to furnish information on the annual take.

ALASKA

Not including Pribilof Islands

Species	1935 ¹ / ₁	1936 ¹ / ₁	1937 ¹ / ₁	1938 ¹ / ₁	1939 ¹ / ₁
Bear, black.....	190	178	108	112	158
Bear, polar.....	38	58	31	81	37
Beaver.....	11,138	25,046	1,882	30,889	31,397
Coyote.....	297	1,098	1,330	1,355	1,507
Fox, red.....	16,192	19,937	21,549	15,076	21,366
Fox, cross.....	1,984	2,889	2,118	2,186	2,278
Fox, silver.....	1,355	1,573	1,031	1,103	614
Fox, white.....	6,829	5,102	4,899	3,519	4,187
Fox, blue.....	9,298	9,026	10,434	11,403	9,426
Hare.....	239	177	110	335	69
Lynx.....	1,338	2,421	2,089	2,130	2,705
Marmot.....	73	69	201	81	121
Marten.....	3,314	1,306	16,969	9,237	1,287
Mink.....	60,501	44,016	52,436	39,866	42,883
Muskrat.....	127,901	153,772	231,842	291,140	417,442
Otter.....	3,224	3,235	3,007	2,892	2,759
Squirrel.....	286	263	613	204	979
Weasel.....	19,279	11,012	8,453	9,755	13,828
Wolf.....	642	904	730	640	405
Wolverine.....	260	290	369	248	228
Total.....	264,378	282,372	360,201	422,252	553,695

Pribilof Islands

Fox, white.....	19	15	13	16	11
Fox, blue.....	983	1,019	999	847	1,018
Seal.....	57,296	52,446	55,180	58,364	60,473
Total.....	58,298	53,480	56,192	59,227	61,502

¹/₁ Calendar year.

ARIZONA

Species	1937 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}	Species	1937 ^{1/}	1939 ^{1/}
Badger.....	194	21	Raccoon.....	34	47
Bobcat.....	83	114	Ringtail cat.....	177	215
Coyote.....	1,246	314	Skunk, common large.	129	107
Fox, gray.....	748	.....	Skunk, spotted.....	9	79
Fox, kit or swift.	183	.....	Wolf.....	13	2
Fox, all species..	.....	464	Miscellaneous.....	33	.....
Muskrat.....	375	216	Total.....	3,224	1,579

^{1/} Calendar year.

The trapper's license was abolished in this State for several years. At present, however, separate hunting and trapping licenses are issued and reports of the annual catch are required. The above figures represent the catch of those who did report but, according to the State, they should be multiplied by ten to give the approximate total catch.

ARKANSAS

Species	1938	1939	1940
Bobcat.....	309	263	452
Fox, gray.....	.....	.....	1,091
Fox, red.....	.....	.....	45
Mink.....	14,582	13,126	16,170
Muskrat.....	2,765	5,487	2,485
Opossum.....	371,310	335,418	341,830
Raccoon.....	28,711	23,657	47,439
Skunk, common large..	61,452	49,140	52,912
Skunk, spotted.....	.....	2,166	1,582
Weasel.....	627	418	226
Wolf.....	15	1	12
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	39
Total.....	479,771	429,676	464,283

The State law requires fur buyers to report at the end of each season the number and kind of furs purchased and the prices paid for them.

CALIFORNIA

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Badger.....	172	187	259	125	130
Bear.....	57	6,958	.....	7	.....
Beaver.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....
Bobcat.....	1,436	1,290	.....	2,292	2,254
Coyote.....	2,606	2,200	3,246	3,341	2,494
Fisher.....	5	11	1	6	2
Fox, red.....	21	22	1	15	1,168
Fox, gray.....	2,988	2,299	3,704	3,716	1,878
Fox, cross.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Marten.....	140	98	129	200	295
Mink.....	1,115	986	2,483	1,340	1,665
Muskrat.....	8,550	8,197	16,959	19,802	36,216
Opossum.....	562	625	651	662	485
Otter.....	14	13	24	40	45
Raccoon.....	2,662	2,589	5,873	5,049	4,067
Ringtail cat.....	377	682	772	999	783
Skunk, common large..	6,423	.....	13,103	6,578	7,381
Skunk, spotted.....	628	790	340	622	787
Weasel.....	60	54	.....	125	99
Wolf.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	2,650	128	489
Total.....	28,316	27,040	50,896	45,047	60,549

COLOPADO

Colorado recently passed a law empowering the Game and Fish Commission to require trappers and dealers to make whatever reports were necessary to arrive at figures on seasonal catch. A list of protected species and predators was drawn up. The law has not been in effect long enough for figures to be available.

CONNECTICUT

Species	1935 ^{1/}	1934 ^{1/}	1935 ^{1/}	1936 ^{1/}	1937 ^{1/}
Bobcat.....	61	48	40	47	63
Canada lynx.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Fisher.....	4	18	.....	.....	.....
Fox, all species...	3,359	3,895	3,703	4,216	3,783
Mink.....	722	896	1,118	1,043	634
Muskrat.....	20,300	24,054	25,940	17,539	11,507
Otter.....	72	36	38	21	.....
Raccoon.....	3,885	3,745	4,179	4,055	2,753
Skunk, common large	5,283	5,836	5,610	6,776	5,082
Squirrel.....	57,863	42,704	45,618	30,497	.....
Weasel.....	1,077	747	933	989	497
Total.....	92,626	82,079	87,179	65,184	24,519

^{1/} Calendar year.

DELAWARE

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939
Muskrats.....	135,000	160,000	210,000	180,000
Opossum.....	5,000	3,000	3,000	4,000
Otter.....	40	50	35	25
Raccoon.....	2,500	2,000	2,500	3,000
Total.....	142,540	165,050	215,535	187,025

The above figures are estimates taken from the license returns which have only been in effect since 1936.

FLORIDA

Species	1937	1938	1939
Opossum.....	6,843	6,578	3,036
Otter.....	.....	.....	502
Raccoon.....	39,320	31,230	69,524
Skunk.....	.....	.....	2,039
Total.....	46,163	37,808	75,101

GEORGIA

Species	1937	1938	Species	1937	1938
Bear.....	1	1	Raccoon.....	15,648	11,736
Bobcat.....	16	36	Ringtail cat.....	5	2
Fox, red.....	137	103	Skunk, common large	984	752
Fox, gray.....	569	427	Skunk, spotted.....	23	17
Mink.....	2,381	1,786	Weasel.....	56	42
Muskrat.....	1,130	848	Miscellaneous.....	.....	4
Opossum.....	4,792	3,594	Total.....	25,944	19,500
Otter.....	202	152			

This State does not require the trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. The above information, however, was furnished by the Department of Natural Resources.

IDAHO

Species	1934	1939	Species	1934	1939
Badger.....	154	1,526	Mink.....	957	2,566
Bear.....	1	.....	Mountain lion.....	6	.....
Beaver.....	222	702	Muskrat.....	34,397	205,098
Bobcat.....	11	293	Otter.....	11	38
Canada Lynx.....	44	401	Raccoon.....	55	266
Coyote.....	571	14,217	Skunk, common large	557	3,356
Fox, red.....	10	250	Squirrel.....	4	.....
Fox, gray.....	12	43	Weasel.....	932	4,172
Fox, cross.....	9	6	Wolf.....	4	.....
Marten.....	480	1,492	Total.....	38,437	258,026

No compilations of the number of fur animals taken were made by this State from the season 1933-34 until 1936-39.

ILLINOIS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Fox, red and gray....	2,661	1,944	3,926	10,292	10,760
Mink.....	11,412	12,312	21,593	35,239	48,581
Muskrat.....	173,004	213,840	323,895	415,823	729,077
Opossum.....	29,277	22,680	25,519	97,755	132,585
Raccoon.....	3,992	4,212	6,281	26,734	30,752
Skunk, common large..	17,965	11,016	30,426	47,338	45,263
Total.....	258,311	263,004	411,640	629,181	996,098

INDIANA

Species	1934	1935	1937	1938
Fox, red and gray.....	5,432	5,964	9,131	7,624
Mink.....	25,796	13,062	18,114	19,234
Muskrat.....	769,497	302,611	351,927	433,116
Opossum.....	576,968	187,537	146,210	170,039
Raccoon.....	27,340	19,349	24,472	32,206
Skunk, common large...	76,589	55,144	70,464	48,582
Weasel.....	7,994	2,202	3,794	.....
Total.....	1,293,616	568,676	624,112	711,801

The State law requires only licensed fur buyers to report annually on the furs purchased.

IOWA

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Badger.....	207	611	768	569	413
Fox, red.....	5,065	6,218	9,133	7,111	7,403
Fox, gray.....	417	.....	170	1,846	1,900
Mink.....	21,775	31,613	32,337	21,438	27,783
Muskrat.....	113,889	351,968	212,352	176,759	308,015
Opossum.....	54,025	39,961	20,985	11,755	23,303
Raccoon.....	14,719	19,353	15,037	13,287	15,014
Skunk, common large.	75,900	68,231	153,497	102,212	124,322
Skunk, spotted.....	46,676	35,767	38,724	26,928	43,971
Weasel.....	1,149	3,602	7,190	4,159	4,529
Wolf.....	.....	28	22	146	162
Total.....	333,822	557,352	490,215	366,210	556,815

The State law requires fur buyers to report the total number of furs purchased. Individual trappers are not required to report their annual catch except where furs are sold outside the State.

KANSAS

Species	1934	1938	1940
Badger.....	4,756	205	2,911
Beaver.....	.....	30	.....
Bobcat.....	.....	.....	150
Coyote.....	.....	10,957	14,022
Fox, red.....	.....	501	.....
Fox, all species...	.....	.....	1,965
Mink.....	1,368	1,398	2,271
Muskrat.....	198,652	77,923	119,918
Opossum.....	265,000	78,440	155,945
Raccoon.....	17,350	9,375	8,374
Ringtail cat.....	.....	86	.....
Skunk, common large	173,852	110,245	151,800
Skunk, spotted.....	79,893	21,604	47,219
Weasel.....	.....	170	170
Wolf.....	.....	2,492	1,047
Miscellaneous.....	.....	160	348,065
Total.....	740,871	313,586	853,857

This State does not require trappers to turn in an annual report of the furs taken. The figures were taken from the reports made by the fur dealers.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually. The State law does not require trappers to make an annual report.

LOUISIANA

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937
Mink.....	81,463	80,364	82,463	81,530
Muskrat.....	2,025,915	2,125,720	2,100,550	2,200,520
Opossum.....	123,540	126,000	125,830	128,000
Otter.....	780	789	650	780
Raccoon.....	85,764	83,467	84,321	86,500
Skunk, common large..	50,959	47,955	45,947	46,890
Miscellaneous.....	2,557	2,415	2,503	2,600
Total.....	2,370,978	2,466,710	2,442,264	2,546,820

The State law requires trappers to make three monthly reports during the trapping season on the number of furs taken and to pay a severance tax on each. Fur dealers are also required to make reports on the number of furs purchased.

MAINE

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
Bear.....		234	281	.....	.....
Beaver.....	968	838	1,018	2,429	3,390
Bobcat.....	644	911	687	400	309
Canada lynx.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
Fisher.....	27	36	51	(1/) 10	.....
Fox, red.....	5,715	6,282	6,005	6,127	5,614
Marten.....	30	30	38	(1/) 1	(1/)
Mink.....	3,986	3,280	3,646	3,283	3,171
Muskrat.....	36,173	38,080	40,245	40,083	39,133
Otter.....	148	170	164	166	153
Raccoon.....	1,056	2,336	2,830	3,189	1,288
Skunk, common large	4,612	4,509	5,170	6,005	4,499
Weasel.....	2,123	3,550	5,498	5,318	5,564
Total.....	55,482	60,256	65,633	65,017	60,121

1/ No open season.

The State law requires reports from trappers on their annual catch, and from fur buyers on furs purchased.

MARYLAND

Maryland does not require either trappers or fur dealers to make annual reports on the number of furs taken or sold. An estimate made by the State game warden for the fiscal year 1938 indicates that 2,000,000 muskrats were taken, and in 1940 the reported take was 1,500,000.

MASSACHUSETTS

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
Bobcat.....	83	212	186	75	99
Canada lynx.....	15	4	17	20	36
Fox, red.....	4,814	6,481	6,851	6,519	4,122
Fox, gray.....	535	791	874	861	645
Mink.....	1,194	1,682	2,090	2,425	1,297
Muskrat.....	28,220	39,309	38,636	41,482	38,746
Otter.....	69	72	103	112	70
Raccoon.....	3,026	3,096	4,147	3,667	2,103
Skunk, common large.	5,114	6,468	7,025	12,617	8,367
Weasel.....	641	683	834	985	638
Total.....	43,711	58,798	60,763	68,763	56,123

MICHIGAN

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938
Badger.....	501	343	2,100	1,442
Beaver.....	3,381	4,047	5,618	7,668
Bobcat.....	100	13	40	2,290
Coyote.....	1,272	3,026	2,769	(1/) 2,580
Fox, red.....	1,006	815	1,544	9,237
Mink.....	14,902	10,209	19,068	34,002
Muskrat.....	342,302	463,332	797,098	782,924
Opossum.....	26,042	.....	17,077	96,586
Raccoon.....	20,162	18,417	21,051	39,943
Skunk, common large.	70,576	61,893	126,365	119,180
Weasel.....	11,441	14,707	48,189	72,328
Wolf.....	.....	27	21	(1/) 44
Total.....	491,685	596,829	1,038,150	1,168,224

1/ Bounty returns on wolves and coyotes.

The State law requires reports from trappers on their annual catch, and from fur dealers on furs purchased.

MINNESOTA

Species	1934	1935	1937	1938
Badger.....	308	1,038	1,471	369
Bobcat.....	53	271	487	1,017
Canada lynx.....	10	84	114	153
Coyote.....	227	1,079	2,491	2,000
Fox, red.....	351	1,959	3,108	5,368
Fox, gray.....	229	557	837	1,900
Fox, silver.....	21	26	123	.....
Fox, cross.....	72	207	.....	.....
Mink.....	8,693	30,303	37,977	33,009
Muskrat.....	41,386	.....	102,017	.....
Raccoon.....	2,410	5,012	5,573	4,340
Skunk, common large..	16,930	52,257	54,911	61,157
Skunk, spotted.....	.....	248	3,030	2,660
Squirrel.....	1,849	3,217	.....	.....
Weasel.....	28,542	53,030	63,997	76,315
Wolf.....	52	210	132	302
Total.....	93,148	149,496	301,534	190,005

MISSISSIPPI

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Bobcat.....	.....	229	75	61	92
Mink.....	14,792	19,601	9,935	8,046	8,852
Muskrat.....	18,101	34,151	7,375	9,123	6,600
Opossum.....	54,000	69,670	39,795	32,546	22,000
Raccoon.....	15,602	23,000	16,045	12,717	11,204
Skunk, common large	7,632	10,351	8,700	6,567	3,196
Skunk, spotted.....	330	707	240	99	124
Weasel.....	357	503	195	321	192
Total.....	110,822	153,212	12,360	59,500	52,223

The State law does not require trappers to submit an annual report of their catch. The State does, however, distribute cards to the trappers through the wardens when they issue the licenses, and about 75 percent of the trappers report on their catch.

MISSOURI

Species	1934	1935
Fox, red.....	12	9,480
Fox, gray.....	.....	3,950
Mink.....	23	.....
Muskrat.....	322	110,600
Opossum.....	427	370,300
Raccoon.....	41	36,070
Skunk, common large.....	165	205,400
Skunk, spotted.....	16	42,550
Weasel.....	.....	7,900
Total.....	1,006	786,250

The State law does not require either trappers or fur traders to submit annual reports on furs. The above data were obtained by corresponding with fur dealers.

MONTANA

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938
Beaver.....	5,649	5,143	7,811	8,427
Bobcat.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Coyote.....	.....	.....	.....	7,090
Fox, red.....	1,286	1,436	.....	.....
Fox, kit or swift..	.....	.....	4,155	3,547
Marten.....	534	641	.....	.....
Mink.....	3,167	2,310	4,862	5,149
Mountain lion.....	.....	.....	34	42
Muskrat.....	24,447	20,290	48,224	51,902
Otter.....	1	13	.....	.....
Raccoon.....	445	512	.....	.....
Total.....	35,529	30,345	65,086	76,192

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except beavers. The figures were obtained from shipping permits, which are required when furs are shipped out of the State.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except beavers, 2,000 of which were estimated as trapped during each of the fiscal years 1937 and 1938, and 4,000 during 1940.

NEVADA

Nevada does not require trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take of furs and, therefore, has not been able to furnish figures.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Bear.....	14	46	27	8	.....
Beaver.....	1	4	.....	2	4
Bobcat.....	128	117	138	72	37
Canada lynx.....	19	16	17	8	1
Fisher.....	16	2	.....	.....	.....
Fox, red.....	3,921	5,532	3,021	2,352	.....
Fox, all species....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,667
Marten.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....
Mink.....	2,356	2,265	1,185	966	1,390
Muskrat.....	17,802	18,978	7,911	9,021	16,551
Otter.....	45	54	37	21	39
Raccoon.....	1,527	3,532	2,330	1,110	1,567
Skunk, common large	3,776	3,098	1,591	1,282	1,335
Weasel.....	219	366	302	157	258
Total.....	29,831	34,011	16,559	14,999	24,249

NEW JERSEY

Species	1934 ^{1/}	1935 ^{1/}	1936 ^{1/}	1937 ^{1/}
Fox, red and gray.....	1,151	1,164	1,512	1,465
Mink.....	604	1,025	912	793
Muskrat.....	131,282	111,722	143,691	119,831
Otter.....	12	12	50	1
Skunk, common large....	8,399	9,675	11,827	10,986
Squirrel.....	115,482	119,952	73,274	34,205
Weasel.....	4,950	5,072	7,644	4,647
Total.....	261,880	248,622	238,910	221,928

^{1/} Calendar year.

NEW MEXICO

Species	1940	Species	1940
Badger.....	817	Opossum.....	1
Beaver.....	1,100	Raccoon.....	122
Bobcat.....	3,403	Ringtail cat.....	383
Coyote.....	9,982	Skunk, common large.....	6,244
Fox, gray.....	1,313	Skunk, spotted.....	111
Fox, swift.....	261	Miscellaneous.....	20
Mink.....	32	Total.....	35,630
Muskrat.....	11,841		

Until the past season this State did not have any law requiring the trappers to report on furs taken, with the exception of beavers. The number trapped in the fiscal year 1934 was 163, and that in the fiscal year 1938 was 867.

NEW YORK

Species	1934	1935	1936	1937
Bear.....	39	120	52	92
Beaver.....	.....	.....	.....	2,014
Bobcat.....	92	106	77	64
Fisher.....	31	308	275	.....
Fox, red.....	9,278	9,009	11,229	15,500
Fox, gray.....	3,527	4,933	4,757	4,980
Marten.....	36	329	409	.....
Mink.....	4,890	6,509	5,488	5,722
Muskrat.....	180,305	149,852	148,852	157,494
Opossum.....	2,065	2,516	2,291	3,041
Otter.....	242	215	500	.....
Raccoon.....	13,939	20,364	23,427	24,190
Skunk, common large.	51,063	32,988	33,347	36,701
Squirrel.....	258,173	322,992	506,742	188,903
Total.....	523,730	550,241	736,521	438,701

This State advises that figures on the annual fur catch for the above years should perhaps be increased 50 percent because of the large number of licensees who did not report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Species	1940	Species	1940
Bear.....	100	Raccoon.....	58,000
Bobcat.....	100	Skunk, common large.....	3,500
Fox, gray.....	6,500	Weasel.....	2,000
Muskrat.....	72,000	Total.....	198,200
Opossum.....	56,000		

This State does not require trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers, and should be considered only as estimates of the total fur catch.

NORTH DAKOTA

Species	1940
Badger.....	2,500
Beaver.....	950
Fox, all species.....	15,000
Mink.....	7,000
Skunk.....	175,000
Weasel.....	25,000
Total.....	225,450

The above figures are estimates of the number of the various fur animals taken during the past season. North Dakota does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs, and, therefore, has been unable to furnish accurate reports.

OHIO

Species	5-year-average 1931-35	1937	1939	1940
Fox, red.....	20,500	14,300	5,459	5,204
Fox, gray.....	3,500	3,500	3,719	2,725
Mink.....	34,000	48,000	12,095	9,758
Muskrat.....	760,000	1,200,000	707,005	536,378
Opossum.....	390,000	470,000	123,659	214,200
Raccoon.....	52,000	64,000	18,724	21,424
Skunk, common large...	560,000	670,000	81,049	157,579
Weasel.....	54,000	63,000	15,795	11,351
Total.....	1,874,000	2,530,800	967,505	988,617

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken. The figures were taken from reports of licensed fur dealers.

OKLAHOMA

Species	1934	1939	Species	1934	1939
Badger.....	315	174	Skunk, common large.....	173,565	94,947
Bobcat.....	.....	71	Skunk, spotted.....	49,140	19,565
Coyote.....	945	973	Weasel.....	930	39
Mink.....	13,860	2,906	Wolf.....	.....	229
Muskrat.....	38,430	8,206	Miscellaneous.....	.....	595
Opossum.....	813,330	361,139	Total.....	1,100,595	490,356
Raccoon.....	10,080	2,012			

The State law requires trappers and fur dealers to make annual reports on furs.

OREGON

Species	1937	1938	1939
Badger.....	556	447	160
Bear.....	35	64	25
Beaver.....	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Bobcat.....	.....	1,382	982
Coyote.....	2,897	2,645	1,797
Fisher.....	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Fox.....	.....	97	106
Marten.....	273	(1/)	(1/)
Mink.....	8,937	6,623	5,301
Mountain lion.....	37	58	.....
Muskrat.....	49,376	49,125	37,492
Otter.....	213	145	129
Raccoon.....	3,645	1,813	1,344
Ringtail cat.....	185	(1/)	(1/)
Skunk, common large..	5,314	3,615	3,612
Skunk, spotted.....	.....	(1/)	(1/)
Weasel.....	991	786	532
Wolf.....	35	6	7
Total.....	72,994	66,806	51,487

1/ No open season.

PENNSYLVANIA

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Beaver.....	.....	2,261	1,222	541	371
Bobcat.....	155	97	131	11	11
Fox, red.....	4,659	3,072	5,115	4,633	5,968
Fox, gray.....	9,487	8,408	9,790	8,919	7,861
Mink.....	8,875	5,784	10,073	7,069	7,858
Muskrat.....	432,540	380,324	579,767	319,396	301,275
Opossum.....	122,612	85,716	71,427	87,656	103,516
Otter.....	23	15	.....	.....	13
Raccoon.....	23,626	19,108	25,484	36,046	28,975
Skunk, common large.	259,958	216,917	341,382	260,585	229,168
Weasel.....	73,514	77,697	80,843	29,200	38,313
Total.....	935,449	799,399	1,125,224	754,056	723,329

The State law requires both trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take and handling of furs.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs and, therefore, has not been able to furnish figures.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Species	1934	1936	1937	1938	1939
Fox, red.....	2	53	35	49	50
Fox, gray.....	2,800	2,511	2,640	2,514	2,214
Mink.....	2,853	7,708	10,763	11,408	7,163
Muskrat.....	4,873	7,821	7,524	7,739	7,732
Opossum.....	12,131	16,040	16,048	15,511	16,065
Otter.....	148	105	64	77	73
Raccoon.....	11,055	20,615	29,660	28,305	19,307
Skunk, common large	160	.....	.....	.....	.....
Skunk, spotted.....	.....	203	169	207	205
Total.....	34,022	55,056	66,906	65,809	51,849

The State law does not require trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. These figures are from permits for the shipments of furs out of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not require trappers to make reports on the furs taken. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 beavers were taken in each of the fiscal years 1937, 1938, and 1939.

TENNESSEE

Species	1938	Species	1938
Fox, red.....	97	Otter.....	26
Fox, gray.....	4,755	Raccoon.....	6,193
Mink.....	2,834	Skunk, common large....	31,966
Muskrat.....	29,928	Weasel.....	1,609
Opossum.....	133,993	Total.....	211,401

This State does not require trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. The figures were obtained when a fur-tax law was in effect.

TEXAS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Badger.....	5,511	2,732	4,189	2,493	1,115
Beaver.....				43	61
Texas lynx.....				1,082	570
Fox, red.....				6	
Fox, gray.....	29,078	15,782	29,397	28,925	24,949
Fox, kit or swift..				527	
Mink.....	20,163	17,893	18,416	18,730	8,289
Mountain lion.....					1
Muskrat.....	15,000	19,051	6,355	2,569	229,734
Opossum.....	616,566	639,117	711,069	397,336	308,060
Raccoon.....	47,070	47,073	36,409	23,380	29,339
Ringtail cat.....	32,948	25,995	59,482	14,476	29,646
Skunk, common large.	119,300	96,696	160,086	75,988	81,542
Skunk, spotted.....	24,869	18,007	25,128	18,644	10,234
Weasel.....				75	5
Wolf.....				6,170	5,698
Miscellaneous.....	1,771	218	596		1
Total.....	912,276	882,564	1,051,127	590,444	729,244

This State does not require trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. The figures were obtained from fur dealers, who are required to make reports on the furs handled by them. Muskrat production until last season was not fully reported. The appointment of a game manager and repeal of the tax law brought the increased reporting.

UTAH

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938
Beaver.....	374	209	256	593

This State does not require trappers to turn in reports of furs taken except beavers, upon which there is no open season. They are taken only when they are doing damage.

VERMONT

Species	1937	1938	1939
Bear.....	11	10	15
Bobcat.....	15	7	21
Fox, red.....	8,432	10,621	8,310
Mink.....	3,406	3,304	2,322
Muskrat.....	61,680	88,367	62,611
Raccoon.....	10,590	12,293	6,081
Skunk, common large.	24,485	20,700	19,146
Weasel.....	2,244	1,644	938
Total.....	110,863	136,946.	100,444

This State does not require trappers to turn in reports on furs taken. Fur dealers, however, are required to report on the furs purchased.

VIRGINIA

Species	1938	1939	Species	1938	1939
Bear.....	1	3	Otter.....	148	(1/)
Bobcat.....	24	241	Raccoon.....	13,797	13,479
Fox, red.....	651	917	Skunk, common large.	89,514	84,687
Fox, gray.....	9,140	10,147	Squirrel.....	188	311
Fox, silver & cross		8	Weasel.....	3,929	5,107
Mink.....	6,043	7,056	Miscellaneous.....	131	.....
Muskrat.....	132,950	165,005	Total	376,283	412,677
Opossum.....	119,767	125,716			

1/ No open season.

This State does not require trappers to turn in reports on the furs taken. Fur buyers are required to report on furs purchased.

WASHINGTON

Species	1937	1939	Species	1937	1939
Badger.....	369	63	Otter.....	155	247
Bobcat.....	2,316	1,840	Raccoon.....	1,585	1,943
Coyote.....	6,062	7,750	Skunk, common large	2,372	2,981
Fox, red.....	50	69	Skunk, spotted....	410	690
Marten.....	8	(1/)	Weasel.....	1,230	983
Mink.....	5,257	6,764	Wolverine.....	1	.....
Mountain lion....	151	162	Miscellaneous.....	514	.....
Muskrat.....	35,159	63,010	Total	55,639	86,502

1/ No open season.

This State required fur dealers to make an annual report of the furs purchased. Last season, however, a law was passed which required trappers to report on their annual catch, and figures for the fiscal year 1939 were taken from those reports.

WEST VIRGINIA

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939
Bear.....	27	24	126	.....
Bobcat.....	.....	575	.....	.....
Fox, red.....	1,523	2,167	2,424	3,045
Fox, gray.....	9,079	9,797	9,041	7,539
Mink.....	3,791	7,171	3,033	5,652
Muskrat.....	54,035	81,980	47,541	64,693
Opossum.....	149,697	127,982	91,532	159,844
Raccoon.....	6,339	9,375	6,571	10,273
Skunk, common large	203,259	195,740	141,653	168,841
Weasel.....	11,008	9,119	4,299	11,447
Miscellaneous.....	993	.....	1,176	269
Total.....	439,751	443,930	307,401	431,603

This State does not require trappers to turn in an annual report on the furs taken. The figures are estimates made on reports furnished by fur dealers.

WISCONSIN

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Badger.....	336	222	480	507	4,606
Bear.....	216	.....	277	157	186
Beaver.....	1,830	5,747	6,867	4,355	5,135
Bobcat and lynx..	423	513	461	593	402
Coyote and wolf..	2,111	2,324	1,775	1,824	1,587
Fox, red and gray	19,619	26,540	20,438	23,607	14,539
Mink.....	11,325	12,149	37,560	32,275	16,553
Muskrat.....	128,085	242,521	505,942	426,803	(1/) 117,391
Opossum.....	7,831	5,768	2,015	1,581	3,423
Otter.....	178	226	310	154	142
Raccoon.....	8,462	10,918	9,558	10,369	10,553
Skunk.....	30,424	21,205	51,366	57,565	70,768
Squirrel.....	1,166,972	1,351,261	804,375	514,728	1,176,161
Weasel.....	14,973	22,578	64,188	33,047	22,356
Total.....	1,392,790	1,701,972	1,505,612	1,107,565	1,443,802

1/ In Waupaca and Winnebago counties and in the towns of Saxeville, Leon, Warren, Bloomfield, Poy Sippi and Aurora in Waushara county--open season Oct. 25, 1938 to Mar. 1, 1939; no bag limit. In Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties--open season Dec. 1, 1938 to Feb. 1, 1939; no bag limit. In all other counties--no open season.

WYOMING

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Beaver.....	2,962	3,418	3,984	2,811	6,212

This State does not require trappers to turn in reports of furs taken, with the exception of beavers.

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